# GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
# SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY
# LOK SABHA

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Activity at District Level
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**Will the Minister of SCIENCE AND TECHNOLOGY be pleased to state:**

(a) whether the Government organises any activity regarding the development of Science and Technology at district level;

(b) if so, the details thereof, schemewise; and

(c) the amount allocated for this purpose during the last three years and the current year, State-wise?

## Answer

(a) Yes, Madam.

(b) The Department of Science and Technology is implementing a national program entitled "Innovation in Science Pursuit for Inspired Research" (INSPIRE) for attracting talented young students to study Science and pursue career in Research. The Scheme is being implemented since 2009-10.

INSPIRE Programme covers students in the age group 10-32 years, and has five components:

INSPIRE Award (for 10-15 years of age group): INSPIRE Internship (for 16-17 years of age group) with opportunity to interact with global science leaders at a science camp; INSPIRE Scholarship for Higher Education (SHE) (for 17-22 years of age group) @ RS 80,000/- per year for continuing education at B.Sc. and M.Sc. level; INSPIRE Fellowship (for 22-27 age group) for doctoral research and INSPIRE faculty for assured career opportunity.

The first component, viz. INSPIRE Awards, is implemented centrally through the States/UTs. Under this scheme, during the five-year period two students are selected from each middle and high school of the country for an INSPIRE Award of Rs.5000/- each for preparing a Science Project/ Model. These awardees, who are students from classes 6th to 10th, then participate in a three tier competition: District, State and National Level. The projects exhibited are evaluated by a jury of experts. All the 29 states and 7 UTs are participating in the scheme.

Under the INSPIRE Award Scheme approximately 13.44 lakh INSPIRE Awards have so far been given to students across the country at an approximate cost of Rs.672.20 Crore. An amount of Rs.139.71 Crore have also been provided to State/UTs for conducting District Level Exhibitions and Project Competitions (DLEPCs), State Level Exhibitions and Project Competitions (SLEPCs), towards participation in National Level Exhibitions ND Project Competition (NLEPC) and for conducting training of State/District/School official on E-Management of INSPIRE Award Scheme (E-MIAS).

(c) There is no specific fund allocation under the INSPIRE Award Scheme for activity at District/State level. However, State/UT-wise details of funds released for organizing District and State Level Exhibitions and Project Competitions (D/SLEPCs), under INSPIRE awards scheme during last three years and current year are attached at Annexure I.
Annexure I

State/UT Amount released for DLEPCs/ SLEPCs (Rs. In lakhs)
Funds Released during 11th Plan 2012-13 2013-14 2014-15 2015-16
Andhra Pradesh 588.96 116.24 283.65 209.04 188.31
Arunachal Pradesh 11.00 * 2.10 * *
Assam 25.86 37.07 37.65 35.08 *
Bihar 100.00 * 148.77 * *
Chattisgarh 444.94 73.75 157.88 165.50 *
Goa 0.80 3.82 * * *
Gujarat 150.00 * * * *
Haryana 257.47 * * * *
Himachal Pradesh 46.40 142.81 * * 40.65
Jammu and Kashmir 109.22 8.31 * 31.35 85.14
Jharkhand 101.06 * 141.79 * 386.46
Karnataka 577.78 178.00 50.00 250.00 300.00
Kerala 69.19 * 41.06 38.75 *
Madhya Pradesh 826.60 162.14 92.70 477.38 127.30
Maharashtra 1156.94 * 106.00 29.23 271.79
Manipur 18.60 * 4.27 * 6.22
Meghalaya 4.60 15.22 5.78 * 5.65

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|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Mizoram | 35.78 | 10.23 | 26.58 | * | 4.00 |
| Nagaland | 0.00 | 6.40 | 4.50 | * | 4.00 |
| Odisha | 85.21 | 231.81 | * | 56.05 | 66.23 |
| Punjab | 163.39 | 106.48 | * | * | 109.76 |
| Rajasthan | 340.00 | * | * | * | * |
| Sikkim | 7.22 | 5.93 | * | * | 10.23 |
| Tamil Nadu | 428.28 | * | 100.81 | 155.59 | 206.27 |
| Telangana | 0.00 | * | * | 189.25 | 195.64 |
| Tripura | 6.40 | 33.82 | * | * | 26.04 |
| Uttar Pradesh | 1737.48 | * | * | * | * |
| Uttarakhand | 26.46 | * | 64.66 | * | * |
| West Bengal | 145.66 | * | * | 29.22 | * |
| A&N Islands | 3.04 | * | 4.97 | * | * |
| Chandigarh | 6.21 | * | 1.77 | 0.74 | 0.91 |
| Dadra and Nagar Haveli | 2.56 | 2.34 | * | 2.70 | 2.88 |
| Daman and Diu | 1.68 | 1.11 | 0.51 | * | 1.53 |
| Lakshadweep | 0.47 | 0.52 | * | * | |
| NCT of Delhi | 26.06 | 5.64 | 3.87 | 17.81 | |
| Puducherry | 0.65 | 0.44 | * | * | * |
| Kendriya Vidyalaya Sangathan | 14.53 | * | 7.29 | * | * |
| Total | 7520.49 | 1136.40 | 1288.39 | 1673.75 | 2056.83 |

DSLEPCs: District Level Exhibition & Project Competitions
SLEPCs: State Level Exhibition & Project Competitions